

POLICE DEPARTMENT SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

STEVE LEVY
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

RICHARD DORMER
POLICE COMMISSIONER



"The Police Vocation reflects highly motivated individuals who possess a positive attitude toward their work and the public they serve."

This enthusiasm and zeal should always continue throughout your career.

The following five (5) "E"s are a standard all of us should embrace."

1. Energy (vigor - work ethic)
2. Enthusiasm (lively interest & passion for the job)
3. Efficiency (acting effectively - working smart)
4. Effectiveness (producing results)
5. Ethics (doing the right thing)



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LETTER FROM THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Dear Suffolk County Residents:

Suffolk County rightfully enjoys the reputation as being one of the safest suburban communities in the nation.

Through the hard work and dedication of the men and women of our Suffolk County Police Department, we have been able to further enhance this status with a drop in the crime rate of more than 9 percent in 2004 – three times the statewide average.

Smart management techniques, such as those used by Police Commissioner Richard Dormer, will continue to be a cornerstone of this administration, and we look forward to continuing to provide our residents with the exceptional levels of police service they expect and deserve.

Sincerely,

Steve Levy
Suffolk County Executive

SUFFOLK COUNTY LEGISLATURE

MICHAEL J. CARACCILO
1st DISTRICT

PETER O'LEARY
3rd DISTRICT

VIVIAN VILORA-FISHER
5th DISTRICT

BRIAN X. FOLEY
7th DISTRICT

RICARDO MONTANO
9th DISTRICT

ANGIE CARPENTER
11th DISTRICT (DEPUTY PRESIDING OFFICER)

LYNNE NOWICK
13th DISTRICT

ELIE MYSTAL
15th DISTRICT

PAUL J. TONNA
17th DISTRICT

JAY SCHNEIDERMAN
2nd DISTRICT

JOSEPH T. CARACAPPA
4th DISTRICT (PRESIDING OFFICER)

DANIEL P. LOSQUADRO
6th DISTRICT

WILLIAM LINDSAY
8th DISTRICT

CAMERON ALDEN
10th DISTRICT

JOHN M. KENNEDY JR.
12th DISTRICT

DAVID BISHOP
14th DISTRICT

ALLAN BINDER
16th DISTRICT

JON COOPER
18th DISTRICT

A MESSAGE FROM THE POLICE COMMISSIONER

2004 was a dynamic year for the Suffolk County Police Department, and thus, also for the citizens we serve. As this report clearly demonstrates, our officers and civilian support staff continue to provide the highest quality of police services.

In addition to the qualitative data that is outlined in this report, we have highlighted five major programs of the many we have undertaken in 2004: the creation of an Identity Theft Unit in the Detective Division; the appointment of the first minority Assistant to the Commissioner from outside the Department; increased enforcement against organized street gangs; the introduction of a School Resource Officer (SRO) program in each of the seven precincts; and the commencement of the process to have the Suffolk County Police Department gain Accreditation as a professional law enforcement agency. These five initiatives reflect the continuing effort of this Department, to give shape and form to the goals and issues of the community, our elected executives and legislative representatives.

This 2004 Annual Report is a chronicle of the pride and professionalism of a police service that is in touch with the community. We salute all of the men and women of the Department for their skill, sensitivity, and commitment.

Richard Dormer
Police Commissioner

SCPD MISSION STATEMENT

“The prevention of crime and disorder is the number one goal of the Suffolk County Police Department” – Richard Dormer, Police Commissioner

The mission of the Suffolk County Police Department is to provide and maintain a safe and peaceful environment in which people can live and work. Every employee of the Department acknowledges his or her obligation to provide professional services in those communities we serve by rendering aid to those in need, providing an environment free from fear, bringing to justice those who violate the law, and protecting all persons and property in accordance with legal, moral and ethical standards.



JOHN L. BARRY POLICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

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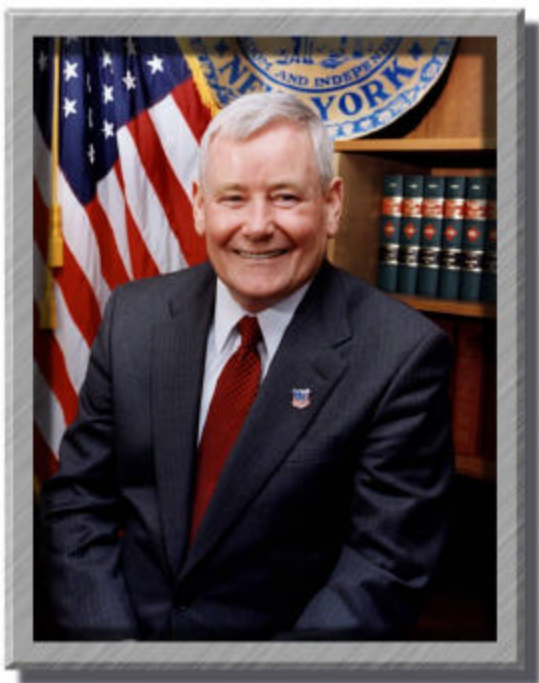
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Special thanks to Casto Gonzalez who provided the graphic design of this report.



ORGANIZATION

Office of the Police Commissioner - The Police Commissioner has jurisdiction and control over government, administration, disposition and discipline of the Police Department and its members. The Police Commissioner ensures that the services provided to the community by the Department meet the highest standards of excellence.



Police Commissioner – Commissioner Richard Dormer holds a Master of Business Administration degree from the New York Institute of Technology, and has attended the FBI National Academy and the Kennedy School of Government. His first assignment as a Suffolk County Police Officer in 1963 was in the Fourth Precinct in Smithtown. He moved up the ranks, commanding a wide spectrum of commands in the three divisions. He retired in 1993 at the rank of Chief. He managed a private security company and taught police related subjects at a local college until January, 2004 when he was nominated by the County Executive and confirmed by the Legislature as the eleventh Police Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department.

The Office of the Deputy Police Commissioner - The Deputy Commissioner acts for and assists the Commissioner. In this capacity, the Deputy Police Commissioner acts as liaison officer for the Police Commissioner in matters relating to the public and criminal justice system, and meets with individuals, groups, associations, organizations and commissions on behalf of the Police Commissioner. The Deputy Police Commissioner has oversight responsibility of the Hate Crimes Bureau, Internal Affairs/Inspectional Services Bureau, and the Pistol Licensing Bureau.

Deputy Police Commissioner – Deputy Commissioner Roger Shannon holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York Institute of Technology and joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1964. During his career he moved up the ranks and has been the Commanding Officer of the Pistol Licensing Bureau, Community Services Bureau, and the Internal Affairs Section. He retired in 1993 at the rank of Assistant Chief. In January, 2004, he was appointed to the position of Deputy Police Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department.



The Hate Crimes Bureau – This command is responsible for the investigation and case preparation of violations of law perpetrated primarily due to a belief or perception regarding race, color, national origin, ancestry, gender, religion, religious practice, age, disability or sexual orientation. The Hate Crimes Bureau also maintains files and statistics relative to such incidents.

The Internal Affairs/Inspectional Services Bureau – This command is responsible for the administration and supervision of internal affairs. The Internal Affairs/Inspectional Services Bureau has the responsibility to investigate complaints made against members of the Department and it performs scheduled and unscheduled inspections of equipment.



Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer, Internal Affairs/Inspectional Services Bureau – Deputy Chief Nicholas Mango holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1973. He has been the Deputy Chief of Patrol, and Commanding Officer of the Juvenile and Missing Persons Section, Narcotics Enforcement Team, Marine Bureau, and 6th Precinct.

Pistol Licensing Bureau – This command is responsible for the investigation and licensing of pistol permit applicants, pistol manufacturers, pistol dealers and gunsmiths. The Pistol Licensing Bureau maintains the pistol records of members of the Service. The Bureau also reports to the New York State Police any changes in the status (i.e., sale, acquisition, destruction, transfer) of handguns of licensees.



The Pistol Licensing Bureau investigates applications for pistol permits and maintains records of handgun transactions conducted by permit holders.



The Office of the Chief of Department - The Chief of Department exercises line and staff command of all personnel and operations of the Police Department. The Chief's office is responsible for command and control authority, and performs management services required to ensure the Department serves Suffolk County in an efficient and effective manner. The Office of the Chief of Department keeps the Police Commissioner informed of all important matters and of any action taken regarding said matters. The Office of the Chief of Department also acts as liaison to state and local probation and parole agencies and to federal, state and local adult and juvenile correctional agencies.



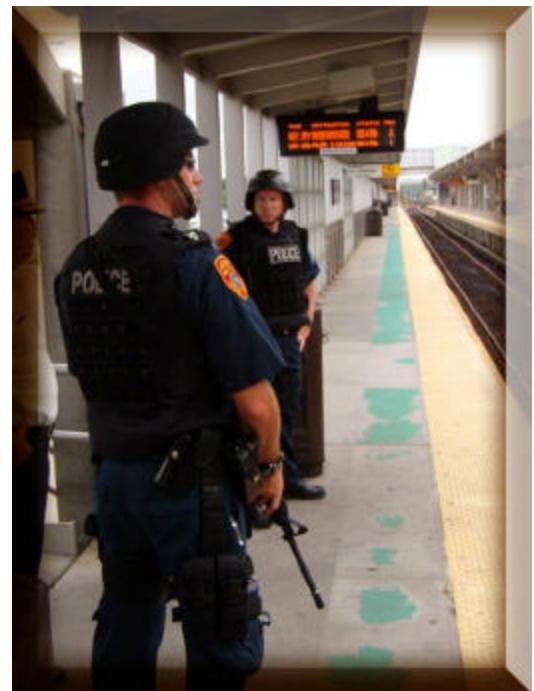
Chief of Department – Chief Robert Anthony Moore holds a Master of Business Administration degree and is a graduate of the FBI Academy as well as the Police Command College. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1975 and has been the Commanding Officer of the Police Academy Bureau, Systems and Procedures Section, Community Policing Services Bureau, and the North Shore Satellite Station. He has been a professor of business management at Suffolk Community College, and a professor of policy and management at the New School for Social Research Graduate School of Urban Policy.

Planning and Operations Bureau - This bureau is responsible for directing the activities of the Research and Development Section, Courts Liaison Section, and the Warrant Enforcement Section. The bureau gives direction toward addressing a particular problem or project by utilizing the resources within one of the Department's three major divisions, through the Research and Development Section, or through a form of coordination between these entities. The bureau performs the function of coordinating the independent efforts of each division so that the results of such efforts conform to the broader needs of the Department.

Recruitment and Community Outreach Bureau - This command is a staff unit responsible for the administration of the Recruitment Section which recruits qualified candidates for the position of police officer, the P.A.L. Section which supervises the activities of the Suffolk County Police Athletic League, the Crime Stoppers Section, the Public Information Section which disseminates information and acts as liaison to the public and the news media, the Employee Assistance Section which provides counseling, information and referral assistance to members of the Department, and the Chaplains Section which maintains liaison with the Department's chaplains. The Bureau is also responsible for monitoring the accreditation status of the Department. It acts as liaison between the Department and community groups and/or leaders and implements and coordinates projects pertaining to community issues.

Office of Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism – This office coordinates all Counter Terrorism and Homeland Security initiatives within the Police Department. Its personnel work closely with commands in each division to ensure that the Department's comprehensive terrorism strategy is implemented, concentrating on prevention, detection and deterrence of terrorist acts through intelligence gathering and dissemination. The office acts as the primary Homeland Security liaison with all government agencies including the Suffolk County Department of Fire, Rescue, and Emergency Services, Suffolk County Department of Health, United States Department of Homeland Security, New York State Office of Homeland Security, as well as all State, County and local law enforcement agencies.

Deputy Chief, Commanding Officer, Office of Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism – Deputy Chief Mark White holds a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1981. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 5th Precinct, Narcotics and Organized Crime Bureau, and the In-Service Training Section of the Police Academy.



Photographs: Top Left – SCPD helicopter patrols above the LIPA Northport Power Plant. Bottom Left – SCPD Crisis Action Team training. Above – SCPD officers provide security at major transportation hubs during the Republican National Convention in New York City.



PATROL DIVISION

The Office of the Chief of Patrol - The Patrol Division is headed by the Chief of Patrol, who is responsible for all patrol and related services in the Suffolk County Police District. It is the function of the Patrol Division to enforce all applicable state and local laws, prevent crime, deter criminal activity, apprehend offenders, aid in the recovery and return of stolen property, identify and report hazardous conditions, preserve the public peace and reduce fear in the community. The division provides services vital to public safety including emergency services, traffic control, accident investigation and assistance to other state and local agencies. Patrol responsibilities are distributed to 7 major geographic areas called precincts.



Chief of Patrol – Chief Edward Webber holds a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and Criminal Justice as well as a MBA and is a licensed Certified Public Accountant. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been Commanding Officer of the Central Records Section, Arson Section, Personnel and Accounting Bureau, and Chief of Support Services.



Assistant Chief of Patrol – Assistant Chief Dominick Varrone holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from S.U.N.Y at Cortland and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been the Commanding Officer of 1st Squad Detectives, Kidnap Investigation Team, Hostage Negotiations Team, Community Response Unit, District Attorney Section, Precinct Detective Bureau, and the 2nd Precinct.



Deputy Chief, Office of the Chief of Patrol - Deputy Chief Donna Engel holds a Master of Business Administration degree from Dowling College and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. She joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1982. She has been the Commanding Officer of the Precinct Detective Squads, Police Academy, and 5th Precinct.

The Patrol Division is comprised of 7 precincts which divide the police district into major geographic areas, and the following special units:

Canine Section

Aviation Section

Emergency Service Section

Crime Scene Section

Airport Operations Section

Highway Enforcement Section

Motorcycle Section

Motor Carrier Safety Section

Safe-T Section

The First Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Babylon, including the incorporated villages of Lindenhurst and Babylon.



Inspector, Commanding Officer 1st Precinct – Inspector Salvatore Manno holds a Juris Doctor degree from Saint Johns University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 1st Precinct since February, 2005.

The Second Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Huntington.

Inspector, Commanding Officer 2nd Precinct Inspector Joseph Blaettler holds a Master of Science degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1977. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 2nd Precinct since February, 2005.



The Third Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Islip (West), including the incorporated village of Brightwaters.



Inspector, Commanding Officer 3rd Precinct Inspector Patrick Cuff holds a Masters degree from John Jay College of Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1983. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 3rd Precinct since February, 2005.



The Fourth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Smithtown and the incorporated villages of the Branch, Islandia, and Lake Grove. Included in this precinct area are certain border areas of the Towns of Huntington, Islip and Brookhaven.

Inspector, Commanding Officer 4th Precinct – Inspector James Rhoads holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1972. He has been Commanding Officer of the 4th Precinct since February, 2005.



The Fifth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Towns of Brookhaven (South) and Islip (East) and the incorporated villages of Patchogue and Bellport.



Inspector, Commanding Officer 5th Precinct – Inspector Peter Quinn holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1970. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 5th Precinct since February, 2005.

The Sixth Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Brookhaven (North) and the incorporated villages of Old Field, Poquott, Belle Terre, Shoreham and Port Jefferson.

Inspector, Commanding Officer 6th Precinct – Inspector Robert Ponzo holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the New York Institute of Technology and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1978. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 6th Precinct since March, 2004.



The Seventh Precinct Bureau - Renders patrol and other police service to the political subdivisions of the Town of Brookhaven (east).



Inspector, Commanding Officer 7th Precinct – Inspector John Meehan holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1973. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 7th Precinct since August, 2003.

Special Patrol Bureau – This bureau consists of the Canine Section, Aviation Section, Emergency Services Section, Crime Scene Section, and Airport Operations Section. Members of this bureau support patrol operations with specialized functions such as evidence recovery, special tactics, canine and flight support, and airport policing.

Highway Patrol Bureau – This bureau promotes highway safety through the enforcement of Vehicle and Traffic law by patrolling the Long Island Expressway and Sunrise Highway. Members are trained in truck safety inspections, motorcycle patrol, administration of Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) tests, and enforcement of DWI laws.

Marine Bureau – Members of the Marine Bureau provide patrol service over the District's waterways and to the communities on the barrier beach of Fire Island. A team of trained divers can conduct underwater search and recovery operations as necessary.





DETECTIVE DIVISION

The Office of the Chief of Detectives – The Detective Division is headed by the Chief of Detectives, who is responsible for the investigative activities associated with serious offenses with the exception of the investigation of hate related incidents. Among the offenses for which members of the Detective Division conduct investigations are attempted suicide, gambling, motor vehicle theft, homicide, arson, burglary, and sex offenses.



Chief of Detectives – Chief Kenneth Rau holds a Master of Science degree from Long Island University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1978. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 6th Precinct, Narcotics Organized Crime Bureau, General Service Detective Bureau, Narcotics Section, and the Sex Crimes Section.



Deputy Chief of Detectives – Deputy Chief Dennis Caine holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Long Island University and has taught Criminal Justice at Suffolk Community College. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1971. He has been Commanding Officer of the 5th Squad Detectives, Neighborhood Enforcement Team, and Identification Section.

The Detective Division is comprised of 4 major bureaus which include the following functional subdivisions:

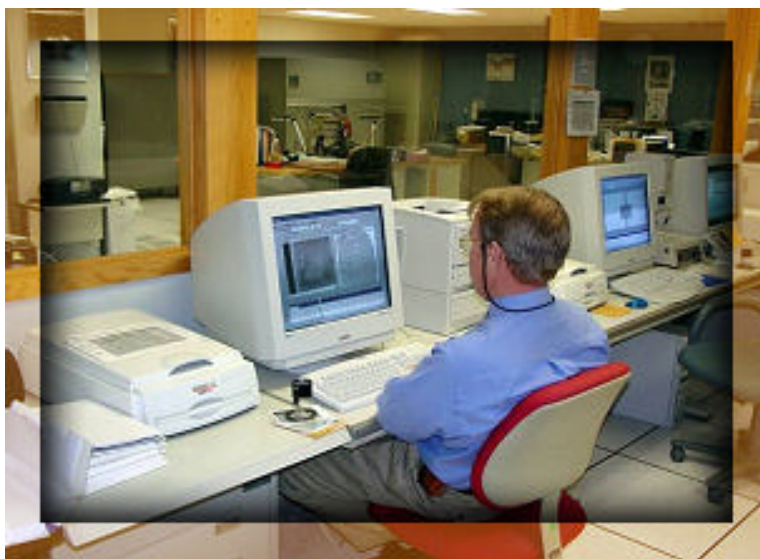
Polygraph	Identification	Fugitive/Missing Persons
Computer Crimes	Identity Theft	Homicide
Special Victims	Arson	Vehicle Theft
Narcotics	Customs Task Force	Asset Forfeiture
District Attorney Section	Criminal Intelligence	Electronic Investigations

Additionally, there is the Major Case Investigations Unit which reports directly to the Office of the Chief of Detectives.

Precinct Detective Bureau - Members of this bureau provide investigative services within designated geographic areas. Each of the seven Precinct Detective Bureau Squads also contains a Neighborhood Enforcement/Special Operations Team (NE/SOT). The NE/SOT teams investigate, structure, and combat street drug sales and possessions. Members of this bureau also perform the necessary processing of a perpetrator under the age of 16.

The Special Services Bureau - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of investigative supporting functions such as polygraph, fingerprint/identification, computer crimes, and identity theft. These services are provided to the other detective bureaus in support of the investigation of crime and the detection and arrest of perpetrators.

Personnel of the Identification Section conduct fingerprint investigations utilizing the Suffolk County Automated Latent Print System (SCALPS) and the Statewide Fingerprint Identification System (SAFIS) databases.



Major Crimes Bureau - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the investigation of major felonies among which are homicide, arson narcotics, and sex crimes. This bureau is also responsible for the immediate notification to the Chief of Detectives of the occurrence of a murder, suspected murder, non-negligent manslaughter, assault where death is likely to result, all major disasters, and any injury to a member of the division. Homicide investigation support is provided by this bureau to law enforcement agencies in other local municipalities.

Organized Crime Bureau - This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the District Attorney Section, Criminal Intelligence Section, and Electronic Investigations Unit. The Organized Crime Bureau is also responsible for all pro-active investigations of alleged terrorist related activities.



SUPPORT SERVICES DIVISION

The Office of the Chief of Support Services – The Support Services Division is headed by the Chief of Support Services who has command over all personnel and activities of the Staff Services Bureau, Administrative Services Bureau, Communications Records and Data Bureau, Police Academy Bureau, Human Resources Bureau, and Field Auditing Bureau.



Chief of Support Services – Chief John McElhone holds a Master of Professional Studies degree from Stony Brook University and is a graduate of the FBI National Academy. He joined the Suffolk County Police Department in 1971. He has been the Commanding Officer of the 5th Squad Detectives, Homicide Squad, 3rd Precinct, and Chief of Patrol.

Staff Services Bureau – Members of this bureau are responsible for ensuring that all Departmental equipment and property receive the required preventive maintenance and are maintained in a state of operational readiness. This bureau is also responsible for the inventory, storage and disposition of recovered property.

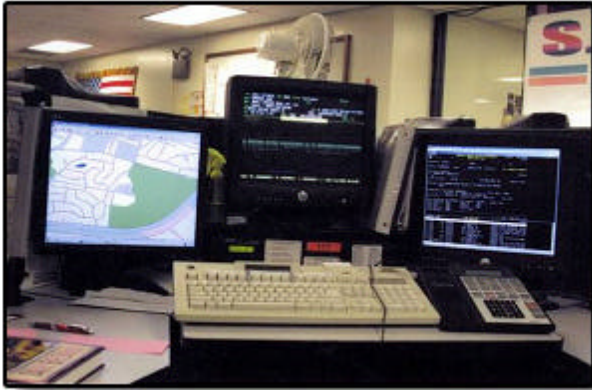


Hydraulic Shear – Provides capability for on-site destruction of guns.



Property Section Vault – Storage for evidence, contraband and unclaimed property.

Communications, Records and Data Bureau – This bureau is responsible for the administration and supervision of the Communications Section, Central Records Section, Technical Services Section, and Information Technologies Section.



911 Emergency Complaint Operator work station.



Screen display for the Enhanced 911 emergency call locator – Orion Mapstar.

Administrative Services Bureau – Members of this bureau are responsible for the administration and supervision of the Applicant Investigation Section, Budget Section, and Finance Section.



Police Academy Bureau – This bureau has the responsibility to conduct the instruction and training for all members of the Department. The Police Academy Bureau is also responsible for coordinating and making appropriate notifications and invitations to departmental functions including funerals, memorial services, awards ceremonies, promotions, graduations and swearing-in of new police recruits.

Human Resources Bureau – Members of this bureau are responsible for maintaining the employee records and auditing the payroll for all Department personnel.

Field Auditing Bureau – This bureau is responsible for all activities associated with the Medical Evaluation Section.







2004 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Suffolk County Police Department is committed to delivering quality police service to the community and, to this end, instituted a number of programs to focus the Department's efforts on maximizing the utilization of its resources.

Accomplishments for calendar year 2004 fell into 5 major categories. Said categories are department communication, crime prevention, community outreach, improvement of service delivery, and public safety/quality of life issues.

Crime Prevention – A number of programs were established during 2004 which were designed to decrease crime rates. Regular posts at the police sub-stations in Huntington Station were implemented. Summer training was rescheduled to make additional personnel available during the busy summer months. An Identity Theft Unit and a Major Case Investigations Unit were created. Foot patrols were added to the downtown areas during the summer. A cold case homicide review procedure was put in place. A COMSTAT (Computer Statistics) process was implemented to promote the timely communication of intelligence to the entire Department, the coordinated and rapid deployment of personnel, the use of effective tactics, and the continuous follow-up and assessment of the process. The Office of Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism was created to deal with the unique law enforcement problems created by terrorism. Our relationship with the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency was expanded, enabling the capture and removal of a number of felons from our streets. Gang units were formed in the 5th, 6th, and 7th Precincts. 25 police officers were added to the 7th Precinct and two additional patrol sectors were created. The Motor Carrier Safety Section was expanded to provide proactive interdiction regarding the detection of explosives and drugs. As a result of these and other initiatives taken, index crime was reduced by 9.23% and felony crimes in Huntington were reduced by 20.7%. The following offenses were also positively impacted by the initiatives taken by the Department:

	<u>Decrease from 2003</u>
Murder/Manslaughter	12.5%
Rape	6.1%
Robbery	13.4%
Burglary	13.2%
Larceny	6.6%
Larceny Auto	12.1%

Internal Communication – In an effort to improve communications within the Department, the “Commissioner’s Breakfast” has been held with various levels of the organization to provide an opportunity to exchange ideas. The “Pulse” program established meetings between the Commissioner and front line police officers to discuss problems and recommend solutions. A Civilian Awards Committee was established and procedures put in place to recognize the civilian members of the Department. Officer safety is of prime importance to the Department and we are pleased to report that assaults on officers decreased by 11.5% in 2004.

Community Outreach – To improve the relationship between the Department and the Community which it serves, a number of new programs were initiated. The position of School Resource Officer was established in each precinct as a point of contact for gang activity and violence in our schools. The Department now shares information with the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission and provides quarterly reports on Department discipline. The position of Assistant to the Commissioner for Minority Affairs was established. A program promoting outreach to minority communities was implemented. Our C.O.P.E. officers attended training in Problem Oriented Policing (POP) strategies.



Designation of Reverend Dr. Beresford Adams (center) as Assistant to the Commissioner for Minority Affairs.



Boy Scout Troup 409 of Half Hollow Hills and the Suffolk County Police Department co-sponsor a drive to collect items to be sent to the 89th Military Brigade deployed in Iraq.



Improve Service Delivery – In order to provide a more cost effective and efficient police service to the community, a number of programs were initiated in 2004 that contributed to this objective. The number of false alarm calls was reduced by 7.3%. This frees up patrol officers to be available for other calls which has a positive impact on response time. A civilianization program was instituted to make more police officers available to perform law enforcement duties and reduce operating costs. The amount of time lost due to officer injuries was reduced by 32,000 hours from 2003. As a result of placing more emphasis on the enforcement of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, the number of motor vehicle accidents decreased by 2.6% from 2003 to 2004. In response to customer needs, the shift from 0800 – 1600 hours was changed to from 0700 – 1300 hours, which reduced the average daily number of held over calls from 50 in 2003 to 3 in 2004. Officers assigned to Headquarters and support units received refresher training in patrol procedures prior to their temporary assignment to supplement street patrol activities. This increased officer patrol presence by 2,630 manhours.

Public Safety/Quality of Life – The Department established Sobriety Checkpoints during peak Holiday-travel periods to crack down on DWI offenses. Safety Checkpoints were set up as part of the “Buckle-Up New York, Click it or Ticket” campaign. In August, Traffic Safety Corridor Enforcement was conducted on two roadways identified as having a high incidence of aggressive driving-related collisions. Complaints from patrol officers and local residents has led to increased surveillance and undercover operations to combat the operation of illegal massage parlors within the Police District. In July, the largest operation directed at eliminating illicit street drug activity in the Gordon Heights community commenced. The operation resulted in numerous arrests for felony-level controlled substance sales. In October, an Anti-Gang initiative began within the Second Precinct and resulted in multiple gang members being identified and arrested. Investigations have been conducted into the purported sale of tobacco products to minors and enforcement steps have been taken. In August, members of the Department assisted the Suffolk County Consumer Affairs Bureau with the inspection of home improvement licenses. As a result of this partnership, 154 summonses were issued.



New 6th Precinct construction on schedule for January, 2005 relocation of personnel and equipment.

2005 INITIATIVES/OBJECTIVES

The objectives that the Department has set for 2005 are, in some cases, a continuation of programs started in 2004.

The reduction of crime, civilianization of selected positions occupied by sworn personnel, continued training of personnel, and the maintenance of open lines of communication between all organizational levels are programs that began in 2004 and will continue into 2005 and beyond.

Among the initiatives planned for 2005 are achieving New York State Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (NYSLEAP) recognition, exploring officer deployment options to conform to workload fluctuations by shift and day, instituting a Tele-serve program to reduce the number of calls requiring a sector car to be dispatched, instituting a TRAFFICSTAT program to identify high accident locations and analyze the causes, utilizing statistical data to assign directed patrol task forces to respond to hot spots (high crime areas), implementing a 511 program to reduce the number of individuals operating motor vehicles without a license, increasing police presence in and around our schools, and applying resources to investigate the underground economy and enforcing applicable laws. A Roll Call Inspections program will be implemented to provide a forum to exchange information and provide training at the precinct level.

A new Recruitment and Community Outreach Bureau will be created to assist the Department in tailoring its delivery of service to more closely match the needs of the community.

A program will be implemented to reduce the amount of paper generated by support units of the Department and minimize the use of paper in each sector car by utilizing the Mobile Data Terminals.

All officers will be provided with name tags to bolster the public's comfort in dealing with the Department's sworn members.



The Department takes pride in providing the best police service possible and will continue to explore ways of making the most out of the resources available to us in order to ensure that the Suffolk County Police Department's mission statement is not merely a well written collection of words, but is the standard to which all of our members measure themselves.



EMPLOYEE RECOGNITIONS



The Suffolk County Police Department is proud of the dedication and performance of its members. Heroic acts are performed on a daily basis and this report provides an opportunity for the Department to recognize these acts and present a sample of said acts which are particularly noteworthy. As evidenced by the diverse nature of the incidents described, officers are called upon to respond to a wide variety of incidents during the year that span from the commonplace to the not so common. The officers mentioned on the pages that follow distinguished themselves in 2004 and received the following official Department recognitions:

JOSHUA WERTHEIM, SGT. 0654
PETER CUCCHIARA, P.O. 4554
JOHN MOORE, P.O. 5418
THOMAS SHEEHAN, P.O. 3942

CHRISTINE AMON, P.O. 5472
KATHLEEN FOCAS, P.O. 1243
JEANNE OSIAS, P.O. 5552

COMBAT SILVER MEDAL

On November 28, 2002, Sergeant Josh Wertheim and Police Officers Christine Amon, Peter Cucchiara, Kathleen Focas, John Moore, Jeanne Osias, and Thomas Sheehan responded to a domestic disturbance at a residence in Lindenhurst. They met the complainant who relayed that she had received a call from her ex-boyfriend. He stated that he was en-route to her home and intended to shoot her new boyfriend.

The officers were searching the complainant's residence and the surrounding area when the subject arrived brandishing a loaded shotgun. The officers took cover, repeatedly ordering the subject to drop his weapon. The subject refused to comply and leveled the shotgun in the direction of some of the officers. Faced with no alternative, the officers fired their weapons. The suspect fell to the ground, but, still holding the shotgun, fired the weapon. The officers returned fire, and approached and disarmed the suspect.

For their personal bravery, while engaged in combat with an armed adversary, Sergeant Josh Wertheim and Police Officers Christine Amon, Peter Cucchiara, Kathleen Focas, John Moore, Jeanne Osias, and Thomas Sheehan are the recipients of the Department's Combat Silver Medal.

FRANK FILIBERTO, P.O. 5238
MARK MCNULTY, P.O. 5016
MICHAEL TEPLANSKY, P.O. 4711

BRAVERY SILVER MEDAL

On July 27, 2003, Fourth Precinct Police Officers Frank Filiberto, Mark McNulty, and Michael Teplansky responded to a single car motor vehicle accident on Route 347 at the intersection of Route 25 in Nesconset. An SUV operated by an adult female and also occupied by her twelve-year-old daughter, who was in the front passenger seat, had struck a LIPA utility pole because the operator had a seizure. Primary high tension wires were down and laid across the hood of the burning vehicle.

The officers attempted to have LIPA respond and shut down the electricity at the scene, but were advised that LIPA would not arrive at the scene for at least one hour. The officers then attempted to extinguish the fire. At that moment, the end of the wires, which were approximately twenty feet away from the burning vehicle, began to arc and set the surrounding hedges and bushes on fire. The wires began to burn towards the vehicle like a fuse. The twelve-year-old female passenger became hysterical and attempted to exit the vehicle. The officers, realizing the imminent danger and risk of life to the occupants if the arcing, burning portion of the wires were to reach the vehicle causing it to become fully electrified and engulfed in flames, chose to immediately extract the unconscious operator and her daughter. Both mother and daughter were then transported to the hospital and treated for injuries they had sustained in the accident. When LIPA eventually arrived on the scene, they advised the officers that if the arcing wires had struck the vehicle while they were affecting this rescue, they would have most likely been injured or killed.

Due to the intelligent and quick actions of Police Officers Frank Filiberto, Mark McNulty, and Michael Teplansky, and with great risk to their own personal safety, the lives of the two occupants were saved. The Suffolk County Police Department is proud to award these officers the Bravery Silver Medal.

DETECTIVE PHILIP ALVAREZ, 1008
DETECTIVE SUZANNE JANES, 935

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

In March 2002, Detectives Alvarez and Janes commenced a large-scale narcotics investigation spanning two years involving the use of a confidential informant. This investigation covered Suffolk County, Colombia and Venezuela, Houston, Texas, and New York City. The detectives determined that smugglers were trying to establish a new shipping route from Columbia, South America to the USA via Houston, Texas. They determined that large amounts of cocaine would be secured to the hull of an oil tanker and removed by scuba divers upon its arrival in Houston from Venezuela.

Detectives Alvarez and Janes worked with the informant and were instrumental in arresting the smugglers, seizing 56 kilos of cocaine, and the recovery of four firearms. At one point during the investigation, the informant was kidnapped by a kidnap/murder team supplied by the smugglers. They wanted information regarding the detectives. Upon his release, the informant told Detectives Alvarez and Janes of the nature of what the kill team wanted. The detectives were successful in using this information to their advantage, which led to the arrest of the kill team.

During the course of their investigation, Detectives Alvarez and Janes worked with several local and Federal law enforcement agencies. Their expert handling of the confidential informant and their exemplary ability to work undercover exemplified police work and advanced major case management. For their actions, Detectives Philip Alvarez and Suzanne Janes are awarded the Department's Exceptional Meritorious Award.



FRED CHIONCHIO, SGT. 400
RICHARD SCHMIDT, P.O. 3553

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

On March 9, 2003, Sergeant Fred Chionchio and Officer Richard Schmidt responded to a house fire in West Islip. Officer Schmidt was the first to arrive and found flames coming out of the windows at the front of the house. Officer Schmidt ran to the rear of the house to check for another entrance and to ascertain if there were any occupants. As Officer Schmidt returned to the side of the house, he met a West Islip Fire Chief who stated it was his friend's house and he was going in to check for occupants. The Chief was quickly overcome by the dense smoke. Officer Schmidt became extremely concerned for the safety of the Chief when he heard no response after calling him repeatedly. Officer Schmidt crawled into the house through the dense, acrid smoke with flames leaping overhead and found the Chief collapsed on the floor attempting to crawl out, but unable to make any progress. By this time, Sergeant Chionchio had arrived at the scene and when he realized that Officer Schmidt was trying to extract the Fire Chief from the house, he too went into the house to assist. Together with much effort, they were able to extract him from the burning house. Officer Schmidt was treated at Southside Hospital for smoke inhalation and minor burns. The West Islip Fire Chief was also treated for smoke inhalation.

For their acts of personal bravery in the face of grave personal danger in rescuing a fallen firefighter from imminent peril, Sergeant Fred Chionchio and Officer Richard Schmidt are awarded the Department's Exceptional Meritorious Award.



BRIAN STEVENS, P.O. 5059

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

In the early morning hours of August 24, 2003, Officer Brian Stevens responded to an occupied house fire in Huntington Station. Upon arrival, Officer Stevens saw that the house was fully engulfed in smoke and fire. Advised that the home was occupied, Officer Stevens gained entry through a rear door. He advanced about ten feet into the dwelling when intense heat, smoke, and lack of air forced him to exit. Catching his breath, Officer Stevens again entered the smoke filled house to search for victims. Crawling on his stomach and feeling his way along the floor, Officer Stevens again was forced out by the fire. Attempting to gain entry by other means, Officer Stevens broke out a bedroom window with his hand, receiving lacerations and burns to his hand and face. The fire again was too intense for him to make entry.

Officer Stevens exhibited extreme courage in his relentless attempts to gain entry into the fully engulfed residence to save human life. Unfortunately, there were three fatalities as a result of this fire. Officer Stevens was treated for smoke inhalation as well as for the cuts and burns to his hand and face. For his acts of personal bravery, Police Officer Brian Stevens is awarded the Department's Exceptional Meritorious Award.





SCOTT WELSHIMER, P.O. 4477

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

On March 21, 2003, while on patrol in Huntington Station, Officer Scott Welshimer observed a man armed with a knife menacing a pedestrian. Driving his police vehicle onto the sidewalk, Officer Welshimer created a barrier between the perpetrator and the victim. Officer Welshimer exited his vehicle, drew his weapon and engaged the subject with verbal commands to drop his knife. The subject, screaming profanities, continued to advance towards Officer Welshimer. Officer Welshimer advanced towards the subject, kicking him and causing him to drop the knife. A struggle ensued and Officer Welshimer was able to subdue the subject and, without assistance, place him into custody.

For his quick and decisive actions throughout this dangerous situation, which prevented injuries to innocent bystanders and the armed subject, Officer Scott Welshimer is awarded the Department's Exceptional Meritorious Award.

THOMAS BOSCO, P.O. 4937
KEVIN FINNEGAN, P.O. 4978

EXCEPTIONAL MERITORIOUS AWARD

On October 1, 2002 a violent burglary occurred in Deer Park. Three armed men broke into a home and terrorized the family within. The female homeowner was struck in the head with a handgun and sexually assaulted. First Precinct officers apprehended two of the suspects a short time later. The third and most violent suspect was identified and was still at large. Police Officers Thomas Bosco and Kevin Finnegan conducted an extensive investigation regarding the elusive suspect's whereabouts. Eventually he was located in Wyandanch. The officers attempted to arrest him and were led on a high-speed vehicle pursuit. In an effort to escape, the suspect attempted to ram their police car. The officers managed to force the suspect's vehicle to a stop and the suspect was apprehended. Crucial evidence linking him to the burglary was recovered.

The defendant pled guilty and received a sentence of 25 years to life. For their intelligent actions in the successful apprehension of a violent felony offender, Police Officers Thomas Bosco and Kevin Finnegan are the recipients of the Department's Exceptional Meritorious Award.



THEODORE ROOSEVELT POLICE AWARD

The annual Theodore Roosevelt Police Award is presented to a police officer who has recovered from a serious line of duty injury. On June 14, 2004, this award was presented to Police Officer Marlene Tully, an eleven year veteran of the Department.

On December 10, 1998, while on routine patrol in the Third Precinct, Officer Tully responded to a call of a man who was assaulting a female at a local gas station. When Officer Tully arrived at the scene, the male suddenly and violently attacked her. Officer Tully was thrown to the ground and her head was repeatedly smashed against the concrete. During the struggle, the attacker wrestled Officer Tully's weapon from its holster. In spite of being fired upon at point blank range, Officer Tully was able to scramble to her feet and run toward the office of the service station. Once inside the building, Officer Tully attempted to protect a female customer who was inside the building by laying across the woman and shielding her with her own body armor. Additional officers arrived at the scene and the attacker was taken into custody after a barrage of gunfire.

It was ten weeks before Officer Tully was able to return to work but even normal tasks seemed overwhelming. Her physical wounds healed quicker than her emotional wounds and Officer Tully was plagued with severe bouts of anxiety and panic attacks. She was subsequently diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder.

Police Officer Tully insisted on making this experience work for her and her fellow officers. She became a Police Academy Instructor implementing new training curriculum dealing with incident stress management for recruits and police veterans.

Officer Tully is currently assigned to the Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse Bureau utilizing her experience and training to assist the victims of these crimes through their most difficult times.



Left to right: Police Officer Tully, Commissioner Dormer, and representatives of the Theodore Roosevelt Association.



Commissioner Dormer congratulates Police Officer Tully.



BEST DRESSED UNIFORM AWARD – 2004 OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT - COUNTY



In calendar year 2004 the Suffolk County Police Department received the Best Dressed Uniform Award for outstanding achievement which was presented by the National Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors.

MILITARY RECOGNITIONS



The Department acknowledges the dedication and courage of our members who have been called into active military service during 2004. We celebrate the safe return of those members whose service has been completed, and our thoughts are with the families of members who have yet to return.

SWORN MEMBERS

Kenneth Arroyo
Robert Bowen
Sean Clarke
Ricky S. Gianotti
Anthony Green
Gerard C. Pembroke
Arnold Reyes
Thomas Seifert
Michael J. Valentine

Matthew D. Bjelobrk
James D. Carley
Raymond Fulton
Daniel J. Gilroy Jr.
Kevin R. Middleton
Lance L. Prager
Larry Ruiz
Michael J. Simonelli

Kenneth Bombace
Leonardo Carrasco
Vito Gazzola
Francis E. Gould
James E. Padgett
Brian Rathburn
Arturo Salazar
Michael T. Synnott

CIVILIAN MEMBERS

William Ryan



On behalf of the Suffolk County Police Historical Society, Police Officer Lance Prager presents a plaque to Deputy Commissioner Shannon thanking him for his efforts in the creation of the SCPD Veteran's Award.



Left to right: Chief of Department Moore, Deputy Commissioner Shannon, Officer Prager, Deputy Inspector Rilling, and Commissioner Dormer.



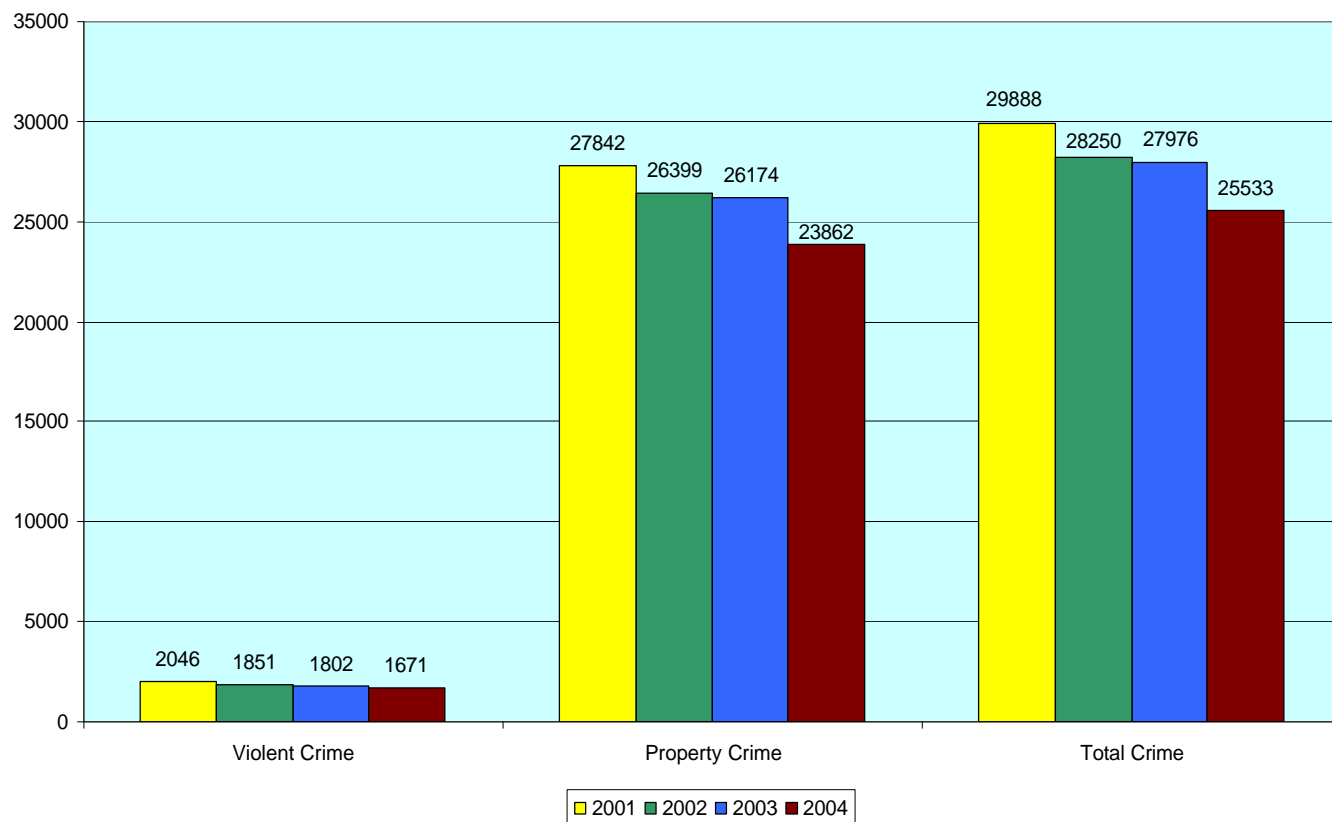
CRIME STATISTICS

The Suffolk County Police Department is recognized as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the United States. According to the Federal Bureau of Investigation/United States Justice Department publication issued on October 27, 2004, titled "Crime in the United States", the Suffolk County Police Department ranks number 12 in terms of sworn officer staffing levels when compared to all city and county police agencies throughout the country. When state police agencies are considered along with city and county police departments, the Suffolk County Police Department ranks number 16 in sworn officer staffing levels nationally.

Our Department's number of sworn officers as of December 31, 2004 was 2,687. The Department received 749,996 calls for service in calendar year 2004. The Police District population, which continues to grow, was, according to Long Island Power Authority estimates, 1,307,199 as of January 1, 2004. This population, which has increased by 61,616 people (4.95%) in the last 5 years, is spread over 564.5 square miles. Forbes Magazine evaluated 150 small metropolitan regions across the nation and for the second consecutive year, has listed Suffolk County as the safest region in which to live.

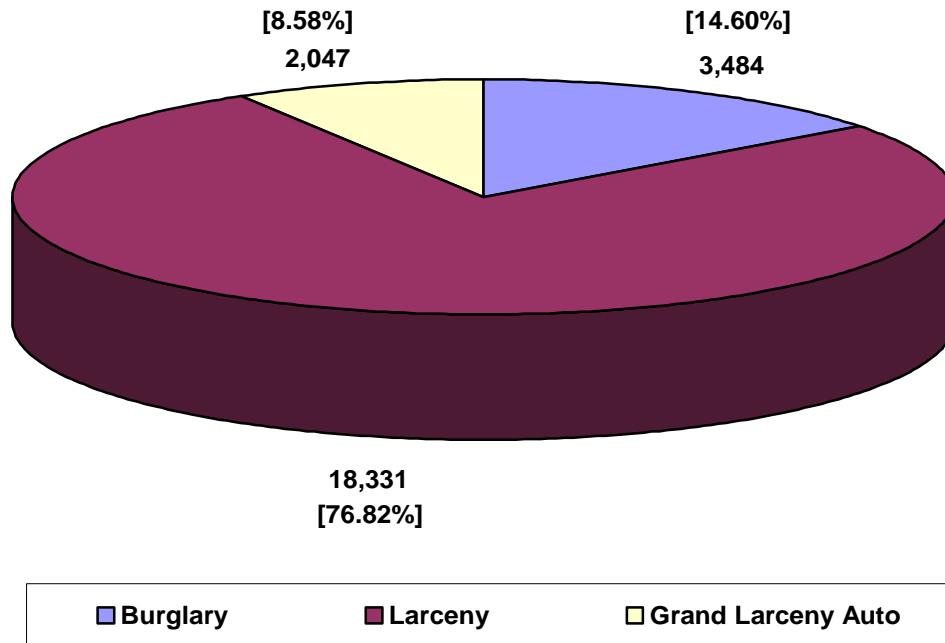
Even though requests for service are increasing and the population continues to rise due to the desirability of living in Suffolk County, our Department, through the dedication of all of its members, is able to report that violent crime and property crime are at their lowest numbers in several years. The following charts depict these statistics pictorially.

**2001 - 2004
CRIME INDEX COMPARISON**

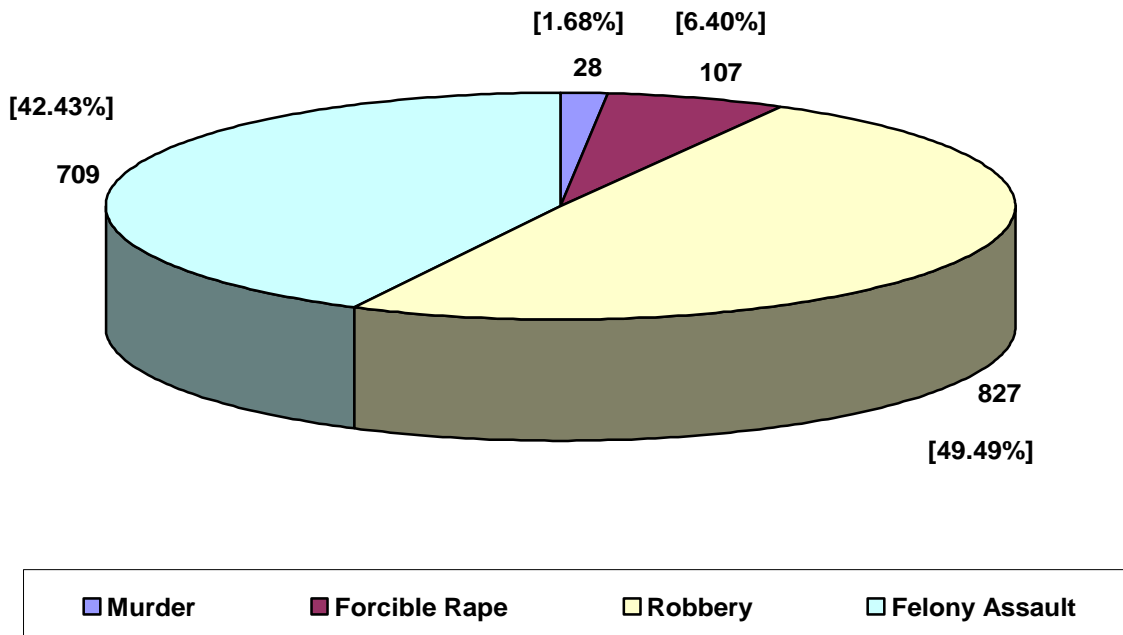


SCPD CRIME INDEX 2004

Property Crime



Violent Crime

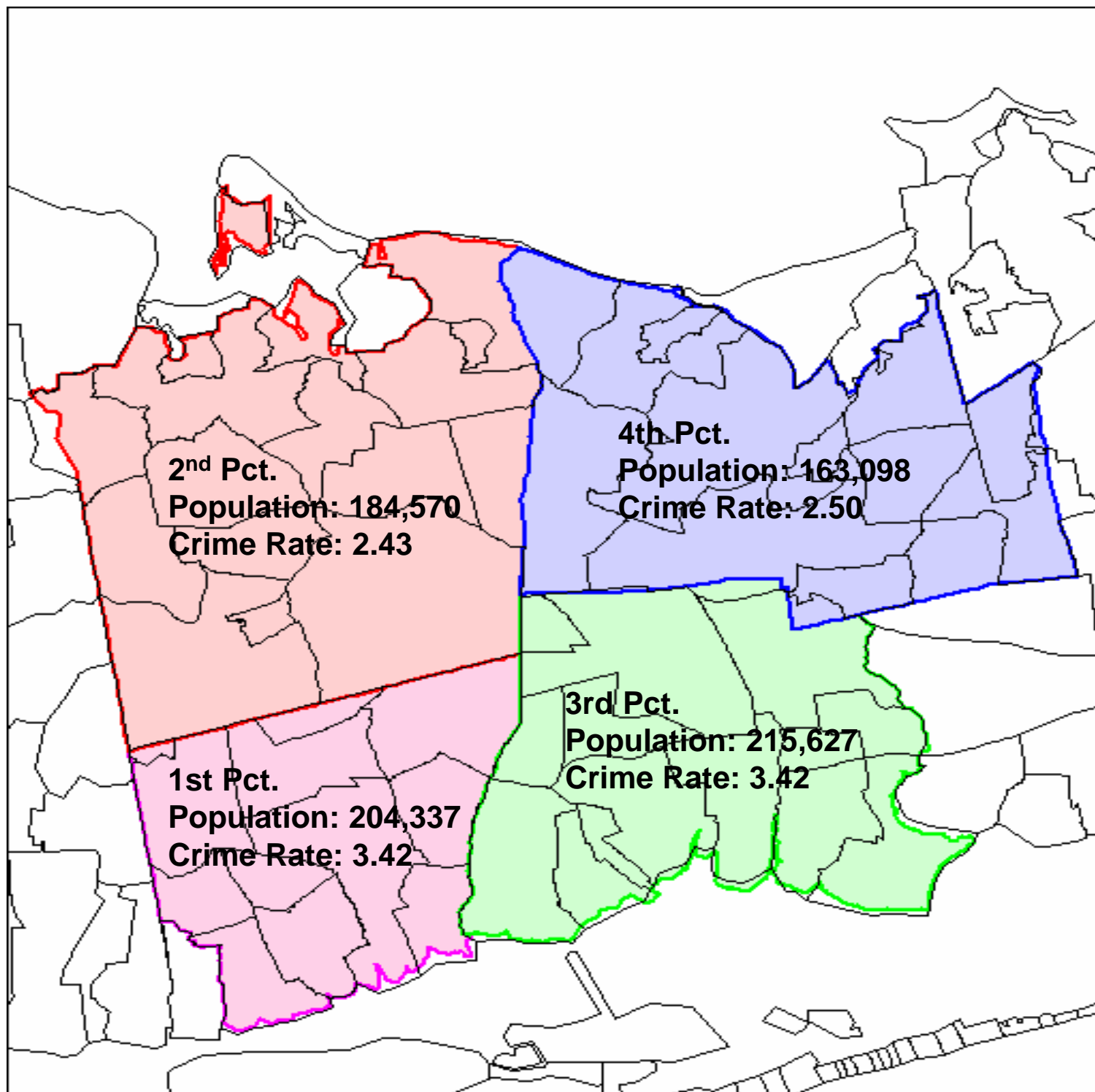




POPULATION/CRIME RATE BY PRECINCT

CALENDAR YEAR 2004

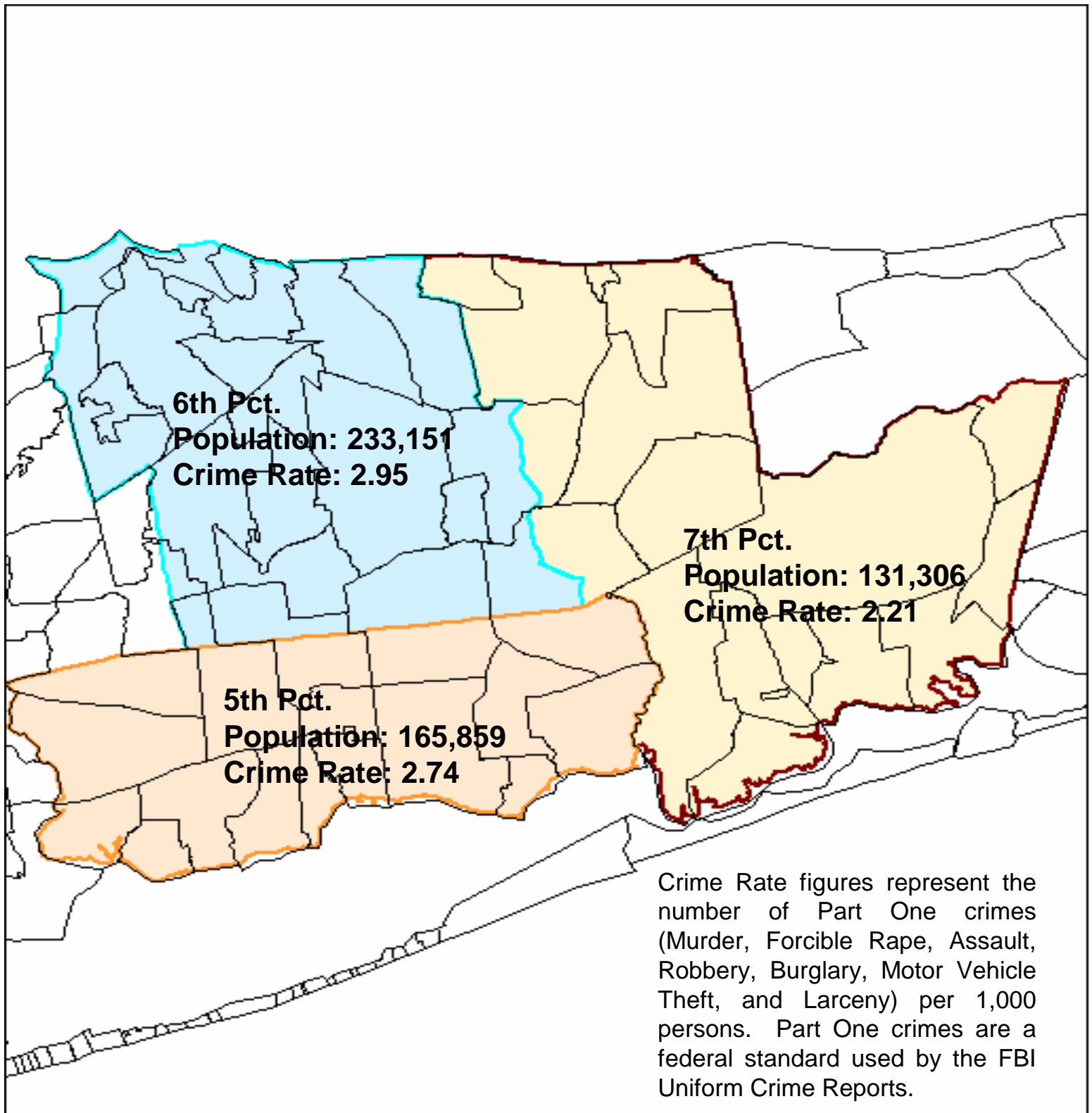
FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND FOURTH PRECINCTS



POPULATION/CRIME RATE BY PRECINCT

CALENDAR YEAR 2004

FIFTH, SIXTH, AND SEVENTH PRECINCTS





NOTEWORTHY/SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

On March 11, 2004, President of the United States, George W. Bush, arrived for a visit to Suffolk and Nassau Counties. The President arrived at Republic Airport and his motorcade was escorted to an industrial manufacturing facility in Bay Shore and a ceremony in Nassau County.



From June 14, 2004 through June 20, 2004, the US Open golf tournament sponsored by the United States Golf Association was held at Shinnecock Hills Country Club in Southampton. Members of the SCPD assisted the Southampton Police Department by manning traffic posts, interior grounds security posts, and being assigned as participant escorts.



Police Week 2004 was celebrated from Monday, May 10, 2004, through Thursday, May 13, 2004. The public was invited to attend this event and those who did attend were treated to tours of the Police Museum, the 911 Communication Center, displays of police equipment, and were entertained by live demonstrations conducted by the Emergency Services, Canine, and Aviation Sections.



Local students are given an up-close look at one of the Suffolk County Police helicopters. An explanation of how the helicopter assists in the apprehension of suspects and the evacuation of injured persons is part of the presentation.

"Eis", an eight year veteran of the Suffolk County Police Department Canine Section, meets students from a local elementary school.



Officers from the Crime Scene Section display some of the equipment that they use in the collection of evidence.





On June 17, 2004, Chief John McElhone of the Suffolk County Police Department, along with representatives of other local law enforcement agencies, participated in carrying the Special Olympics Torch to the Hofstra University Arena.



Members of the Suffolk County Police Department participate in other community-related activities. Among these activities are the “Santa’s Toy Trot 4K Run”, which is held annually in conjunction with the Patchogue Kiwanis Club’s toy drive. Members of the SCPD also support the “Toys for Tots” program organized by the Marine Corps.



Members of the 6th Precinct participate in a basketball game with members of the Gordon Heights community.



The Ident-A-Kid program was initiated in 2004 to provide parents with a kit to collect identifying information (DNA, Thumbprint, Allergies, etc.) from their children and make it available to law enforcement should an emergency arise.

***IN MEMORY OF POLICE OFFICER EDWIN HERNANDEZ,
SHIELD #3444
(LOST IN THE LINE OF DUTY ON JULY 27, 2004)***



OCTOBER 31, 1959 TO JULY 27, 2004

THE SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THE LIFE AND DEATH OF OUR BELOVED POLICE OFFICER EDWIN HERNANDEZ. OFFICER HERNANDEZ WAS FORTY-FOUR YEARS OF AGE WHEN HE DIED FROM LINE OF DUTY INJURIES SUSTAINED IN A POLICE MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENT. HE WAS A HIGHLY-DECORATED NINETEEN YEAR VETERAN AND IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, SON AND DAUGHTER.

OFFICER HERNANDEZ REMAINS IN OUR MEMORY AS A FRIEND, BROTHER AND A "ROCK" TO HIS WONDERFUL FAMILY AND FRIENDS. OFFICER HERNANDEZ'S POLICE SERVICE AND PROFESSIONALISM REPEATEDLY EXEMPLIFIED THE TRUE MEANING OF "PROTECT AND SERVE". HIS SPIRIT, ENTHUSIASM AND SELF-SACRIFICE REMAIN AS AN INSPIRATION FOR ALL OF US.

POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK

